Creation of a Post of Sr. Supdt. and Post Master at Manipur

1165. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a post of Senior Superintendent of Post Offices has been created for the State of Manipur;

(b) if so, whether the post has been filled up;

(c) whether the Department of posts propose to create a post of Postmaster General also at Manipur; and

(d) the steps taken by the Department of Posts to fill up senior level posts in Manipur?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) Yes Sir, a post of Sr. Superintendent of Post Offices has been sanctioned for the State of Manipur.

(b) No Sir.

(c) No Sir. There is no proposal to create a post of Postmaster General for the state of Manipur.

(d) No Sir. Orders have been issued posting a Senior Time Scale Officer as Senior Superintendent or Post Offices, Manipur. The work of Director Postal Services is being looked after by the Director at the headquarters of the cricle.

Stoppage of production of Polyester and Cotton by National Textile Corporation

1166. **SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:** Will the Minister of **TEXTILES** be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of textile by NTC mills during each of the last three years;

(b) whether NTC has stopped production of polyester and cotton shirting; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) The production of cloth and market yarn by NTC mills during each of the last three years is as follows:—

Period	Cloth Production (M. Mtrs.)	Market Yarn (M. Kgs.)
1993-94	190.47	81.86
1994-95	102.56	57.60
1995-96 (Provl.)	75.34	63.17

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Jute Production

1167. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the steps are being taken by Government for increasing the production of jute;

(b) if so, the steps taken in that regard during the 8th Five Year Plan;

(c) whether there is a vast scope to increase jute cultivation in Orissa;

(d) if so, the steps taken in that regard; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to provide proper marketing facilities for Jute and Jute Products that State?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) to (e) The following steps have been taken for increasing production, productivity and quality of raw jute:—

More area coverage under high yielding varieties; Accelerating production and availability of quality seeds; Emphasis on timely supply of critical inputs; Propagation of improved crop production technology throughy demonstration programmes; Encouraging raw cropping through supply of multi raw drills; Creating additional retting facilities; Organising training of farmers, etc.

Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Special Jute Development Programme (SODP) in jute growing and mest growing states in the Country, including Orissa, on 100% Central Funding Pattern. Under the Scheme subsidy is provided to Farmers (i) Distribution of jute/mesta/ sunnhemp seeds, (ii) Distribution of implements such as multi raw seed drill, wheel hoe; (iii) Conducting technology demonstration on jute/mesta/ sunhemp, (iv) Distribution of essential nutrient

minikit; (v) Foliar spray of urea; (vi) Post harvest operations such as excavation of kutcha/pucca retting tanks; (vii) Distribution of fungal culture packets; and (viii) Contingencies, etc.

The Jute Corporation of India has seven Centres in Orissa. Among various measures Govt. is also encouraging production of diversified jute products in the country. For this purpose market supply scheme and jute year bank scheme are also being implemented in different states.

Use of Aircrafts of Ministry of Home Affairs By VIPs

1168. SHRI M.A. BABY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Union Ministers and other VIPs who used aircrafts belonging to Ministry of Home Affairs for official or other purposes in the last two years;

(b) the details thereof and the amount overdue to the Ministry from each of the users; and

(c) the status of recovery of the charges from each user, the period since when the amount is overdue, the reasons for delay in recovery and steps taken/proposed to be taken for realisation of the overdue amount without further delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) The air crafts available with the Border Security Force are utilised for operational requirements of the Central Para Military Forces. These aircrafts are also used for the Official commitments of the Ministers and Officials in the Ministry of Home Affairs. At times these aircrafts are also made available to other Ministers/VIPs for official purposes on payment basis. The list of names of such Ministers/other VIPs, who used the aircraft in the year 1994-95 and 1995-96, is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) No payment is outstanding for the year 1994-95. The Bills for1995-96 will be raised after finalisation of the cost of operations of the aircrafts.

Statement

NAMES OF MINISTERS/OTHER VIPs WHO USED BSF AIRCRAFT IN 1994-95

S. No.	Name
1.	French Delegation, led by Shri Alain Juppe. Min. of Foreign Affairs, France.
2.	Sh. T.N. Sheshan. Chief Election Commissioner.
3.	Sh. R.L. Bhatia, Min. of External Affairs.
4.	Sh. Venkataswami. MOS (Textiles)
5.	Sh. Balaram Singh Yadav. MOS- (Mines)
6.	British Delegation led by Rt. Hon. Betty Boothroyd.
7.	Delegation of World Health Organisation (Japan) led by Dr. Hirole Norkarjam.
8.	Sh. A.L. Marima, Dy. President of Tanziania
9.	Sh. Buta Singh, Min. of Food & Supply
10.	Sh. Matang Singh, MOS (Parliamentary Affairs)
11.	Sh. Jagan Nath Mishra.

NAMES OF MINISTERS/OTHER VIPs WHO USED BSF AIRCRAFT IN 1995-96

S. No.	Name
1.	Russian Delegation led by Col. Gen. A.I. Nikilaev, Director.
2.	Sh. Madhav Rao Scindia, Min. of HRD.
3.	Sh. Buta Singh, Min. of Civil Supplies.
4.	Sh. Jagdish Tytler, Min. of Coal.
5.	Sh. Roumen Gechev, Dy. P.M. of Bulgaria.
6.	Sh. V.C. Sukhla, Min. of Parliamentary Affairs.
7.	Sh. A.R. Antulay, Min. of Health.
8.	Indo-German Consultative Group.
9.	Sh. Matang Singh, MOS (Par- liamentary Affairs)
10.	Dr. Mostafa Kamal Helmy. Speaker of the Egyptian Shoura Assembly.
11.	American Delegation led by Shri Dan Glickman, Secretary (Agriculture) of USA.
12.	Sh. Gulam Nabi Azad, Min. of Civil Aviation.